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Inventor(s)
Daniel J. Mattson et al.

Title of Invention
Seat for Sensing a Load

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|  | Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.   |               |                                       |                  |     |                    |              |       |                            |              |  |
|  | Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR1.27.  |               |                                       |                  |     |                    |              |       |                            |              |  |
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|  | I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.   |               |                                       |                  |     |                    |              |       |                            |              |  |
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### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

The references now cited are the following:

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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